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AMENDMENT

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1. (Amended) In a computer system including a host computer, a storage device storing data for the host computer, and at least one computer-readable backup storage medium storing backup data copied from the storage device, a method for duplicating at least some of the backup data stored on the backup storage medium, the method comprising a step of:

- (A) copying only a subset of the backup data from the at least one backup storage medium onto at least one computer-readable duplicate backup storage medium as duplicate backup data so that the duplicate backup storage medium is not an exact duplicate of the at least one backup storage medium.



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